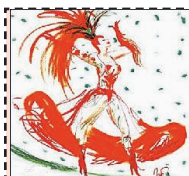


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Pizza on the beach at the Marriott for 100-all for a worthy cause



Karen Haan and her son Ricky do all the work

Every February for the past 27 years, Aruba's beaches have been invaded by a delegation from Long Island, which is a fundraising trip for the Jeri Finesilver Cancer Foundation, with the entire proceeds donated to the cancer research

center of the North Shore University Hospital.

Karen Hann, organizer of the trip, inherited her involvement with the organization from her mother, Evelyn, who was a friend of the woman for whom the foundation is

named; a victim of breast cancer. When the foundation began running fundraising trips, Karen, who has been coming to Aruba for 38 years, convinced them after other excursions that this was the place to go, and it became their fundraising destination every February and November.

Karen makes all the arrangements with the assistance of her husband Bernie, son Ricky and his wife, Marna. "The trip is nothing without them," declared Ron, one of the regulars since they first started coming to Aruba. The Americana (now Occidental Grand) was their host in the past, but they have been dedicated to the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino since it opened its doors.

"The Marriott has been wonderfully accommodating to our large group during President's Week," commented Karen. "They annually donate the grand prize for our fundraising raffle, a free week at the resort for the return trip the following year."

Not only has Karen run countless events on behalf of the JFCF, but in past years organized a fundraising Gin Rummy tournament, with all the proceeds donated to Aruba's Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital to supply them the ambulances with necessary emergency equipment.

THE MORNING NEWS caught the various families who generously support the foundation and their important work by not only taking the trip, but with additional donations and soliciting prizes from various vendors in Long Island to help raise more funds for cancer research, as they were about to chow down during their annual Pizza Party on the beach. It was a well-deserved fun afternoon for all!

by Rosalie Klein



The Berry family that used to come as kids are now daddies



Bernie Haan and his helper Ethan distribute pizza for 100



The Finn family are regulars

Permanent Dutch Kingdom representative meets with UN



Ambassador Herman Schaper, permanent representative of the Dutch Kingdom for the United Nations established in New York, met with Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer during her three day visit to New York.

During their meeting, the

Aruban Minister of Social Affairs and Economics, Dutch Kingdom representative Schaper described the various projects that he is engaged in and how he may be able to do more for Aruba in his endeavors.

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New fighting in Ivory Coast as UN says 15 dead in past week



ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AFP) – Fighting flared again in Ivory Coast between supporters of rival claimants to the presidency as the UN peacekeeping mission said the unrest has claimed 15 lives in the past week.

The streets of the economic capital Abidjan resonated anew with heavy weapons fire as a battle also broke out in the west of the country near the Liberian border pitting troops

loyal to outgoing president Laurent Gbagbo against former rebels who support his rival, Alassane Ouattara.

The fighting in Abidjan began in the early evening in the northern neighbourhood of Abobo, a Ouattara fiefdom where the rival forces have battled for days, witnesses told AFP.

Also an officer of the Defence and Security Forces (FDS), loyal to Gbagbo, told AFP that fighting took place at Zouan-Hounien, in the west of the country, after an FDS post was attacked by former rebels of the New Forces (FN).

He gave no details of casualties, but the FN based in the central town of Bouake said that "80 FDS" had been killed and blamed the government troops for the attack.

The clash is one of the most serious between the two forces in the region since a crisis began in November when Ivory Coast went to the polls and Ouattara was widely recognised as the winner but Gbagbo refused to step down.

Zouan-Hounien is in the "confidence zone" that has separated the rival sides since battles in late 2002 and 2003 after a foiled coup bid against Gbagbo, who has run Africa's leading cocoa producer since 2002. "Such a confrontation could represent a resumption of armed conflict and thus be a violation of the ceasefire," UNOCI warned.

Frightened foreigners flee Libya 'hell'

LONDON, England (AFP) – Foreigners told of hellish scenes in Tripoli as they fled the chaos engulfing Libya, with countries worldwide sending planes and warships in a desperate bid to evacuate their nationals.

Anarchy descended on Tripoli airport as thousands of foreigners packed into the terminal to try to escape the widening crisis, with those who managed to leave describing how food and water were running low.

Nearly 20,000 people have also fled Libya by road to Tunisia over the past four days amid the bloodshed sparked by Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's attempts to cling to power.

Italy, the nearest major European country and Libya's biggest trading partner, warned of a looming "catastrophic hu-



Egyptians fleeing Libya cross the border at Salloum, Egypt.

manitarian crisis" as up to 1.5 million migrants flee north Africa.

The logistical challenges were especially acute for Asian countries with more than 150,000 low-paid workers trapped -- including some 60,000 Bangladeshis and

30,000 Filipinos.

Egyptians fleeing from Libya described how they had been beaten and tortured after Kadhafi's son accused Egyptians of being behind the uprising.

An evacuee described how Libyan authorities tried to recruit them to help crush the uprising against Kadhafi's 41-year authoritarian regime.

Hundreds of US nationals and other foreigners have boarded a US-chartered ferry in Tripoli but high seas delayed their departure for Malta.

A British naval frigate carrying around 200 people left Libya's second city of Benghazi. The government said it was looking at all options to rescue people stuck inland in desert camps, refusing to rule out military means.

A convoy of Austrians also reached the Tunisian border, Vienna said.

Don't test Israel, Netanyahu warns Gaza militants

JERUSALEM, Israel (AFP) – Israel warned militants in the Gaza Strip not to "test" the Jewish state, as fighter jets pounded targets across the coastal enclave after a Palestinian rocket attack.

Slamming into a house, it was the first rocket to strike Israel's city of Beersheva since the devastating 2008-2009 Gaza war, significantly raising tensions along the enclave's border.

"I don't suggest anyone test the determination of the state of Israel," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "We are determined to defend our citizens and will not accept anyone bombing our people and our civilians."

Netanyahu's firm warning came after 24 hours of tit-for-tat violence along the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip.

Early This week, Israeli jets raided sites across the coastal strip.

The military said it targeted several Hamas camps throughout Gaza and a "terrorist squad in the northern Gaza Strip, in the same location where rockets were fired towards the Israeli city of Beersheva."

Later, war planes bombed several other sites across the coastal strip, which the military called "hubs of terror."

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Prime Minister delivered eloquent speech in defense of Aruba

With respect to the application of the European Union laws, the University of Aruba hosted a symposium with several internationally renowned speakers on the topic. Prime Minister of Aruba, Mike Eman and lawyer Hendrik Croes were the local speakers.

Prime Minister of Aruba, a jurist by profession and candidate notary, resounded with vigor in defense of Aruba after listening to the speaker who preceded him, prof. Dr. H. Broring who questioned the ability and capacity of Aruba and her people to form part of the European Union in an UPG. The Prime Minister refused to accept the professor's remarks and presented a passionate and well documented defense of Aruba and her people. With clear-cut examples without losing his stance and without discrediting anyone, he succeeded to declare to Professor Broring how very wrong he was in his argumentation. For more than 30 minutes the Prime Minister, in a strong voice, gave the audience much "food for thought." The audience appeared to be impressed with his inspiring discourse.

Eman began his discourse indicating that it was his intention to focus on the theme of the symposium, however, after listening to the speeches which preceded him, he felt that it was fitting to share certain views of Aruba's leaders and people with respect to the UPG, in order to achieve a balance in the perspective and ideal, the ambition and vision of Aruba regarding the theme.

After reading the 24 questions raised by the commission who prepared a report called, "Schurende Rechtsorde," Eman's first remark was that the most cardinal question was missing in that report. "Can the Dutch Kingdom continue to exist if we fail to get more co-



ordination, more similarity within the framework of the concepts of laws of norms and values between the Dutch Kingdom partners?" In the Prime Minister's view, it appears that we are pulling away from each other more and more in these last years. The reason for this, he claims is due to various concepts of law, the quality of governance, the manner in which way we handle our democracy and in the manner in which we support the principles of constitutional law of a nation.

The Aruban dignitary continued saying: "if the differences regarding ideal, values and laws continue to pull us apart, then the question we raise is if there remain sufficient coherence to sustain a Dutch Kingdom. He intimated, "in this respect I am not making reference to the Dutch Kingdom in a formal sense, because I am certain that in the formal sense the Dutch Kingdom can continue to exist for another 100 years."

Mike Eman referred to another Dutch Kingdom in which we ask ourselves, what is it that we want to achieve and what must we do to create a platform upon which we can work together on ideals, goals and common visions for the Dutch Kingdom. Eman is of the opinion that the first question we should have addressed,

which was not raised, is; "Can the Dutch Kingdom continue to exist in a useful manner?"

Eman continued with the following observations and questions: Can we continue to work together if the Netherlands continue to integrate into the European Union's concepts of how to organize a society, how to protect citizens and how to manage the environment. How is this possible, if on the other hand, other parties within the Kingdom are not allowed to participate in this process? The Dutch Parliament in Holland questions Aruban and Curacao laws and sets up a commission in Holland to produce a report on the state of our governments. This, he said, is where things are going wrong, because we are not allowed to participate in the framework of these laws.

Professor Broring, according to Mike Eman, says that this is much too difficult for Aruba to handle. It is an ambition too big for us. Hence, we must allocate this job to the European Union. Broring's plight is that through the European Union we can achieve the level of organization, of security and quality of life for our community. In so many words he is saying that Aruba can aspire to all of this, but that we can never achieve this.

The Prime Minister retorted that Broring's statements were like a bash of cold water in the face of everyone. Broring went as far as to threaten Aruba with a hefty fine if we failed to comply with the laws of the European Union. This is why, said Eman, "We need to think very carefully about what we want." In Broring's concept, Aruba does not have the capacity or the necessary capability to achieve this goal. The Aruban Prime Minister refused to accept Broring's position and refuted this vehemently.

Two Michelles meet at United Nations



Former President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet, who was sworn in as Chile's popular president in 2006, and considered the most popular woman in Chile's history, was one of the speakers at the recently held United Nations diplomatic conference held in New York.

In her speech at the UN, Michelle Bachelet referred to the challenges that women face in 2011 and how governments must work to avoid the types of social, commercial and employment situations facing women today.

A great number of the ministers of government present at this UN diplomatic conference were women. The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) for the first time took seat in this body in February 1948 and ever since 1984 includes

the islands of the Caribbean in this council.

At the end of the session, former President of Chile, Mrs. Michelle Bachelet met with Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, who shared her vision for the women of Aruba and the actions she is pursuing.

ECLAC has a central office in Santiago, Chile and is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. The purpose of this office is to contribute to the economic development of Latin America and the Caribbean, to coordinate activities designed to reinforce economic ties between the various countries and other countries worldwide.

Minster Winklaar-Hooyboer presented the executive director of UN Women a painting of Aruba's Divi Divi tree which was painted by Aruban artist Elvis Tromp.

Permanent Dutch Kingdom ...

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There is a list of projects that the Dutch Kingdom is engaged in within the United Nations, especially as Holland is one of the principal donors of UN funds.

According to Schaper, the UN could be of assistance to Aruba with respect to the development of women issues as well as on various other issues on Aruba.

The Dutch Ambassador assured the Aruba Minister that he will pay more attention to the needs of Aruba in UN programs.

Aruba's Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer presented the Dutch Ambassador of the UN for the Dutch Kingdom in New York a beautiful painting by Aruban artist Elvis Tromp.



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In 1972, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and ALM Dutch Antillean Airlines (now defunct) published a small paperback edition entitled "The KLM/ALM Guide To The Dutch Caribbean."

The section about Aruba has some delightful descriptions of the island back then.



"The Big Beach With The Tiny Island" starts by stating that "the first sight of Aruba by air is a long, curving, gleaming ribbon of sand so white and the water so clear you almost wish you had a parachute so you could jump in right there and then. Can it really be that beautiful when you get close? You bet."

The book offers thoughts on the naming of the island. Perhaps it was by the Spanish Conquistadores in 1499 from "Oro Uba" ("there is gold"); or possibly "ora" (shell) and "oubao" (island), The Island of Shells. A later thought suggested that the name be

changed to Esso-uba, when in 1929 the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey opened the Lago refinery, "not a token plant, but the largest refinery in the world at that time." It is clearly stated to visitors reading the book that "the refinery is on the opposite end of the from the beaches, and the trusty trade winds make sure that the exhaust gases are wafted far across the sea, away from the beaches, away from vacationers."

Golf, they stated then, was "strictly for addicts, people whose hands begin to shake after two days without a club."

With only the 9-hole Lago Club available, it was nevertheless considered a "unique" experience because of the oiled greens.

They neglected to add that one of the reasons for that was to keep the free-roaming goats from their daily excursions always searching for a good grassy meal. There were penalties if a stray shot hit a goat that were determined by the club's staff and the owner of the goat.

"Like all good Dutch islands, Aruba has its quota of Chinese,

Italian, French, Javanese and American restaurants.

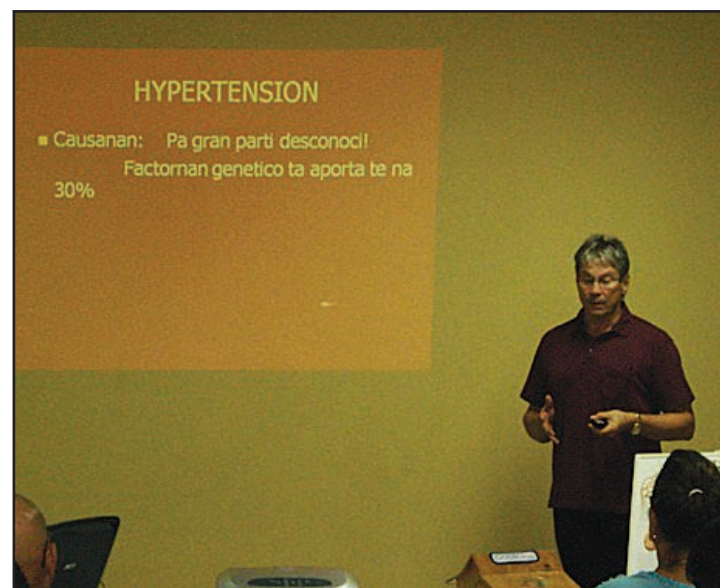
There are restaurants in a windmill, a houseboat, and on the beach....there are only two types, open-air and air-conditioned". A rave review was given to Le Petite Bistro at the Aruba Caribbean Hotel/now Radisson. "It's a handsome restaurant (not a bistro in the strict sense) with a modern tri-couleur decor, an immense chef de cuisine, (M. Lebrun, who put in time in Paris's Hotel du Crillon, Hotel Georges V, and Restaurant Prunier), a tastevin-toting sommelier, and efficient service. The five-course, prix-fixe dinner costs a stiff \$15 (plus 10% service charge) and gives you a generous choice of gourmet items (too mouthwatering to list in today's edition.)

Nightlife lists "supperclubs" (their spelling) at the few hi-rise hotels. "The granddaddy of Aruba supperclubs is the Klompen Club at the Aruba Caribbean (Tony Martin, Patachou, Liberace); the brassiest is Holiday Inn's Palm Beach Room; and the most elegant is the huge red-gold Rembrandt room at the Aruba Sheraton". A "gala" evening which includes dinner, wine and dancing cost \$10 per person.

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Hypertension as a risk factor for stroke



Recently, C.V.A. Aruba, dedicated to educating islanders on the risks and treatment of strokes, had an interesting lecture on high blood pressure (hypertension) and how it can increase the risk of a stroke.

Guest speaker was internist Dr. E. Falconi, who provided valuable information regarding the dangers of high and/or uncontrolled blood pressure. Attendees had the opportunity to share their experiences with high blood pressure and ask questions on how to operate medical devices to control it.

C.V.A.'s objective is the prevention of strokes among the Aruban population. This year, the foundation will focus on the most important factors that increase the risk for a

stroke: high blood pressure, overweight, ill-balanced diet, diabetes, smoking and lack of exercise

In the months to follow, C.V.A. will announce more lectures in the different communities of Aruba, to inform everyone on the risks and importance of stroke prevention. Volunteers are welcome to participate and assist.

Stroke Foundation Aruba was founded February 17, 2005. Co-founders are Mrs. Philomena Wong and Mrs. Hellen Mohamed. Both are stroke survivors who decided not to be silent, but to do something about this condition and making islanders more aware of preventative measures.

Malibu Suites recognizes faithful guests



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Big interest for the 83rd Annual Academy Awards

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"The King's Speech"

The 83rd Annual Academy Awards or Oscars, the most prestigious award in the movie industry will take place at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, this Sunday, February 27, 2011.

The awards are presented annually by the Academy of

Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS).

Nominations for the 2011 awards were announced LIVE by Academy President Tom Sherak and last year's Best Supporting Actress winner Mo'Nique, from the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Los Angeles, California.



"Blue Valentine"

The winners, chosen from these nominees, will be announced on February 27th on ABC in a ceremony co-hosted by Anne Hathaway and 2011 nominees James Franco; marking the first time for each.

Nominations are among others: "Best Actress," "Best Actor," "Best Director," and "Best Costume Design." The nominees are: Natalie Port-



"The Social Network"

man for the picture "Black-Swan," Michelle Williams for the picture "Blue Valentine," Jesse Eisenberg for the picture "The Social Network," and Colin Firth for the picture "The King's Speech."

A lot of viewers expressed to be happy and full of expectations for this Sunday, as ABC channel 14 on Aruba's cable t.v. will be transmitting this event. The program is as follows:

From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.: David Sheehan's Movie Magic 2011 On The Red Carpet at The Oscars – The Preview, with interviews with the nominees, scenes of the nominated movies and predictions.

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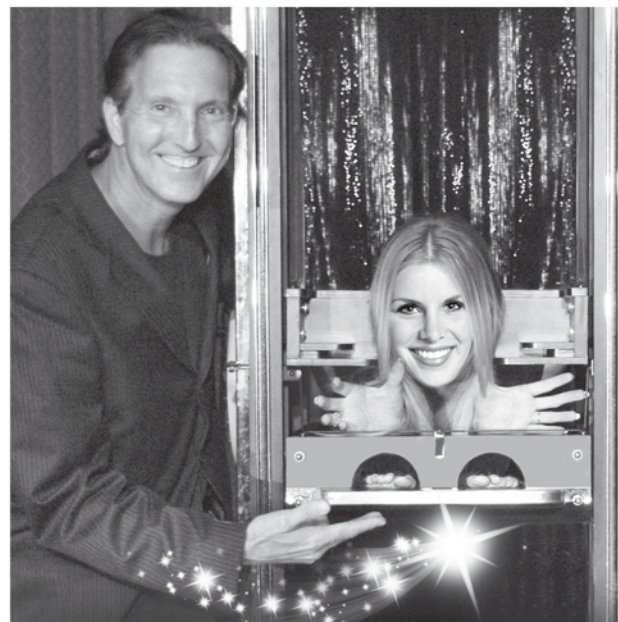
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Electric vehicles complete round-the-world



GENEVA (AFP) – Electric vehicles from Australia, Germany and Switzerland completed a pioneering 27,000 kilometre "emissions free" round-the-world trip on Thursday, after 188 days on the road and at sea.

The three-wheeler dubbed "TREV" from Adelaide, a German electric scooter and a "Monotracer" high-tech motorcycle glided silently into the UN's European headquarters about six months after they headed eastwards around the world.

Organiser Louis Palmer, a

Swiss schoolteacher who made headlines with his 18-month pioneering world tour in a solar-powered "taxi" three years ago, said the three experimental vehicles spent 80 days on the road.

"We made it around the world in 80 days, we made it back here after 17 countries and 29,000 kilometres. We can't believe it," the clean car champion said.

The UN-backed "Zero Race" stopped off at the World Climate Conference in Cancun, Mexico last December, after touring through Eu-

rope, Russia, China, Canada and the United States, before heading back through Morocco and Spain about a month behind schedule.

"This shows what we are trying to preach, that it can be done. Cars powered by clean renewable energy can be as effective as petrol-driven vehicles but without emissions," said Sylvie Motard of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

However, the crews admitted they sometimes had trouble charging the vehicles even if they avoided major breakdowns.

"It was very hard in some places, certainly for our team members in Russia China," said Alexandra James, one of the 12 volunteers who took their turn driving the bright green Australian two-seater TREV.

"They were wiring straight into the power supply in certain situations because it was the only way to get a reliable power source -- it was a challenge," James, a manager at the South Australia Technology Industry Association, told

AFP.

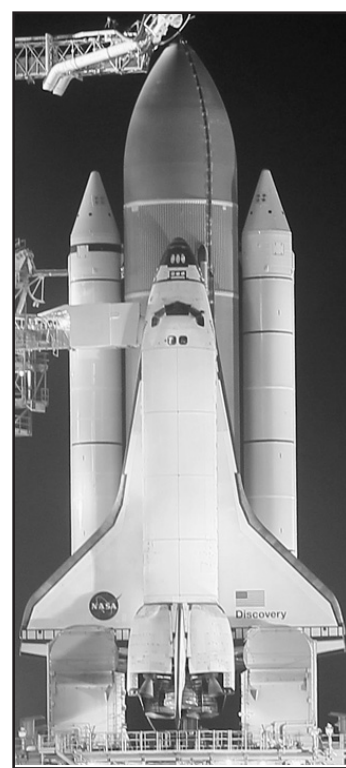
With some grid supplies on their way potentially being generated by high carbon sources such as coal, each team bought as much power as they consumed from renewable sources such as wind, solar and hydroelectric power, to claim an emissions-free tour.

TREV -- also Two Seater Renewable Energy Vehicle -- was built by students at the University of South Australia and will carry on as an education tool.


James and Christine Haydon, an electronics teacher at Tafe Regency Park college, took on the last leg from Morocco, six months after 57 year-old Adelaide electrical engineer Jason Jones and his son set out from Geneva.

"We all work full time, so we had to take on legs with a team of 12 people. That way everyone got to drive," said Haydon.

One of the biggest problems turned out to be the South Australia licence plate - just TREV -- especially with Russian border guards.



The Space Shuttle Discovery sits on the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center on February 23, 2011 in Cape Canaveral, Florida. As the Shuttle Program winds down, Space Shuttle Discovery was set to launch on its last mission to the International Space Station on February 24, 2011 after technical issues postponed its original launch date. AFP photo.



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Health Tip: Managing Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) can make even the simplest daily activities -- such as taking a shower or getting dressed -- completely exhausting, the Womenshealth.gov Web site says.

The site offers these suggestions for coping with CFS:

- Keep a log of your activities, and when your symptoms are worse.
- Avoid doing things that seem to worsen fatigue and other symptoms.
- Work with an occupational therapist to help you learn to do things in ways that conserve your energy.
- Compare how much energy you feel like you had during the day to how much energy you actually used. This may slowly help you gain more energy over time.
- Don't push yourself too hard physically, mentally or emotionally.
- Take any prescription and over-the-counter medications recommended by your doctor.
- Before trying any alternative therapies, such as yoga or massage, talk to your doctor first.

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Dental exam for children

Definition

Regular dental exams are an important part of preventive health care. During a dental exam for children, the dentist or hygienist will clean your child's teeth and evaluate your child's risk of tooth decay. A dental exam for children may include application of various protective measures, such as sealants or fluoride treatments. A dental exam for children may also include dental X-rays or other diagnostic procedures.

During a dental exam for children, the dentist or hygienist will likely discuss your child's diet and oral hygiene habits and demonstrate proper brushing and flossing techniques. Other topics for discussion during a dental exam for children may include preventing oral injuries or, for adolescents, the health risks associated with tobacco, substance abuse or oral piercings.

Why it's done

Regular dental exams help protect your child's oral health. Dental exams give your child's

dentist a chance to provide tips on caring for your child's teeth, as well as detect any problems early — when they're most treatable.

When to have a dental exam

Several factors may determine how frequently your child needs to have a dental exam, including his or her age, health and risk of tooth decay. Consider these general guidelines:

■Ages 6 months to 1 year.

The American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommend scheduling a child's first dental exam after the first tooth erupts and no later than his or her first birthday.

■Toddlers, school-age children and adolescents. After your child's first dental visit, have your child's teeth examined at least once a year — preferably every six months. The dentist may recommend more frequent visits if your child is at high risk of tooth decay or has other oral health problems.



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China proposes death penalty for organ traffickers



SHANGHAI, China (AFP) — Organ traffickers in China could face the death penalty under a draft law being reviewed by the country's top legislature, state media reported. Those convicted of "forced organ removal, forced organ donation or organ removal from juveniles" could face the same punishment as for homicide, which ranges from 10 years in prison to ex-

ecution, Xinhua news agency said.

Previously those convicted of forced organ removal were charged with illegal business operation, since there is no specific offence covering the act in China's criminal law, the report said.

The amendment was submitted to the National People's Congress Standing Committee for a third reading at its bimonthly meeting. If passed, it would come into force on May 1, state media said.

Liu Renwen, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of Law, told the China Daily newspaper the black market

illegal organ trade was booming "both inside and outside the country". China's criminal law has to be changed to fight the scourge of organ trafficking, he said.

Demand for organ transplants far exceeds supply in the country of 1.3 billion, opening the door to the illegal sale of organs.

About 10,000 transplants are carried out annually, but an estimated 1.3 million people are waiting for transplants, the China Daily reported.

In the past, the government has investigated hospitals that carry out illegal transplant operations for about 100,000 yuan (\$15,200), according to previous state media reports.

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New workshop of SOUND and VISION at Ateliers '89



Monica Tormell

In 2005, Master Artist and Teacher Monica Tormell received her degree from the Gerrit Rietveld Academy of Fine Arts in Amsterdam. Her works consist principally of installations, deploying video, sound and sculpture into a cohesive statement. These installations depict a dream world state, where conflicting elements are mixing together in varied and distinctive fashion. In 2009, together with Thomas Adolfs, Monica spent 3 months as an artist in residence at the IBB in Curacao, where she began the project "Moon & Sun". Influenced by the loneliness of these ominous spheres and Caribbean music, she also investigated the sonic mix of primitive to electronically manipulated music, which she called "Apocalypso Music". For more information, visit her site: www.monicatornell.nl

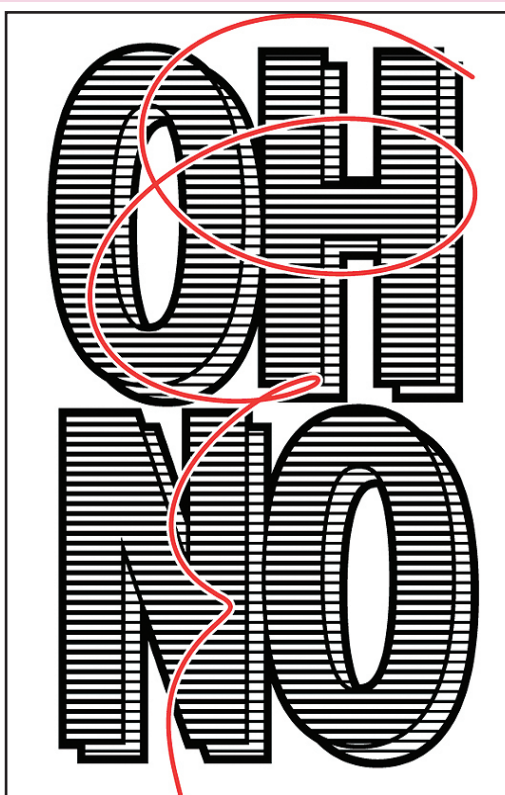
Master Artist/Teacher Orpheu de Jong also completed his time at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy in 2005, at the former audiovisual department. Since then, he has worked as an artist and graphic designer.

Music has always played an important role in his creations, of which a number are video installations where sound and visual meld together, or in his performances as VJ (Video Jockey) at nightclubs, as well as his work as a graphic designer, having done a number of record and cd covers.

Besides his visual works, Orpheu is known as a DJ and producer; he co-founded the internet radio station Red Light Radio. For more information visit: www.orpheodejong.com

The upcoming workshop at Ateliers '89 of SOUND AND VISION will be about the relation and interweaving of the two and how they influence each other. Throughout the history of art we can find many examples of those who were inspired by one media to produce works in the other, such as the painter Kandinsky, who claims his works were influenced by Wagner and calls his pieces "improvisation" or "composition."

The workshop of SOUND AND VISION is divided into two sessions: the participants



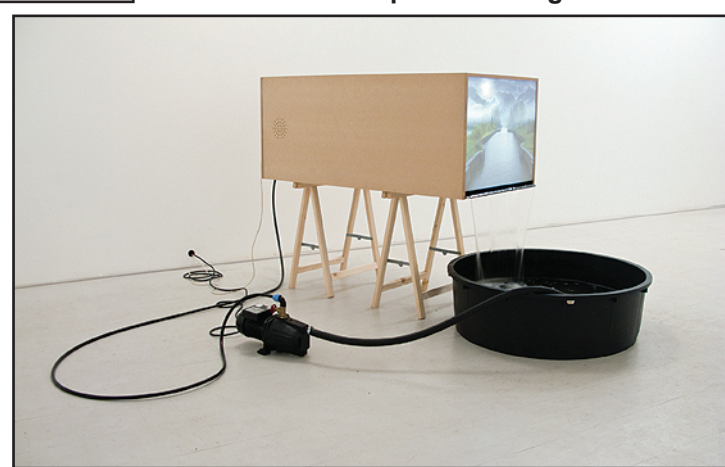
Orpheu de Jong

will interpret sound; music, noise or something they have created, into a visual piece, or translate a visual piece into sound. Besides these two major projects there will be smaller assignments with a great deal of improvisation. For example, how would the SCREAM painting by Munch sound if you could hear it?

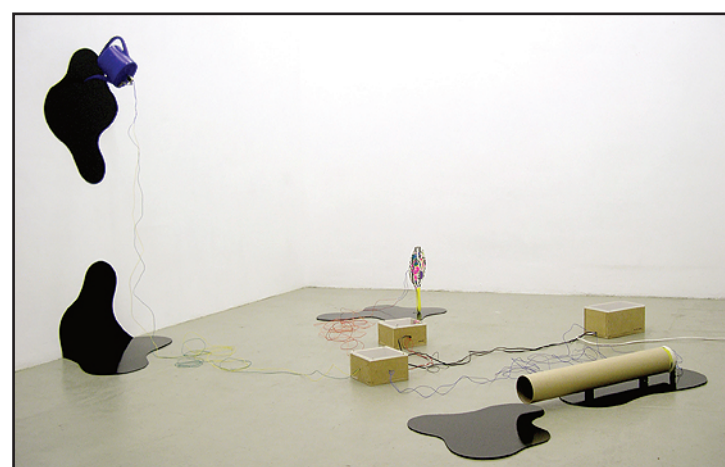
Both visiting instructors will stage a presentation of their own work along with some produced in cooperation at the beginning of the workshop. The classes will finish with an art festival in the Ateliers '89 exhibition halls.

Workshops start on Monday the 14th of March and finish with the ART FESTIVAL on April 7. Classes are from 6.30 to 9.30 P.M. Monday to Thursday.

To enroll please call Ateliers '89 Director Elvis Lopez at 565-4613 or 588-5776 or come personally to the center at Dominicanessenstr 34, Oranjestad; on the corner across from Maria College.



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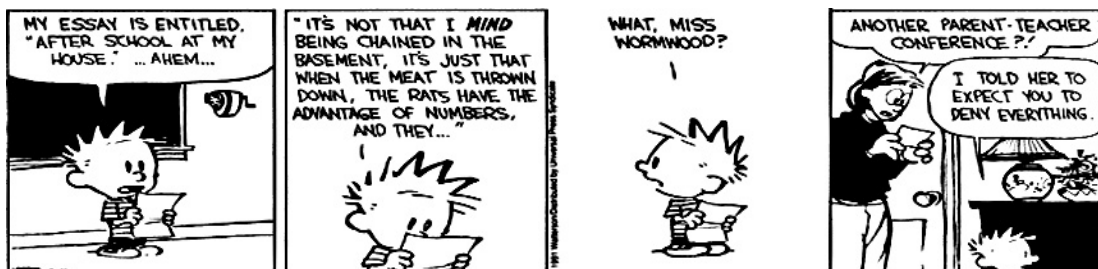
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Here is a puzzle with more than the expected crossword challenge and rewards. Each clue involves a pun, an anagram or some form of wordplay. An example of a pun is the clue "unemployed god," which would be "IDOL." The anagram clue "Nice bat in the cupboard" is the word "CABINET," which is "nice bat" rearranged. As for the wordplay clues, look out for traps! With a little practice, you will soon catch on to these tricky clues and enjoy the extra challenge.

ACROSS

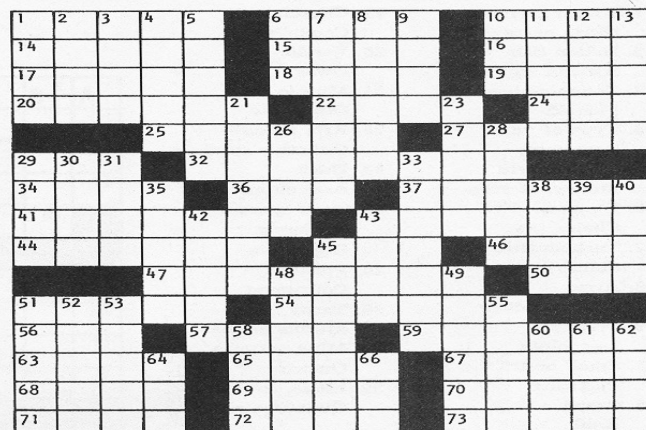
- 1 Tra-la-la house in Milano
- 6 Engrossed in the part
- 10 "Cool it" or run amok
- 14 Strop in the Rhone
- 15 Gardener with a leer
- 16 How do you rate Johnson?
- 17 A vile demon has not gone
- 18 Get a grip on yourself, snob
- 19 Ugh, Tarzan tame Jane
- 20 Angela takes the lead
- 22 There's comfort in leases
- 24 Room in the garden
- 25 Color lighter than mouse brown?
- 27 Spare me thy charades
- 29 Ida went for help
- 32 The gas or oil problem
- 34 Mr. Gallup guilty of a tort?
- 36 Pedro's article is almost lost
- 37 Indian in a scene of Erie
- 41 Will the real North Carolinian please stand
- 43 Every crop duster says his prayers
- 44 No use, Nat can't get ousted
- 45 Cuckoo in a tree
- 46 A tall lean river girl
- 47 Elsa's film shown out of order
- 50 Bar a short Hebrew teacher
- 51 The Butler did it!
- 54 The bear is mad—a disease?
- 56 And — (galley option)
- 57 Neither T.N.T. nor H-bombs can blow this
- 59 Honey, how does an ern act?
- 63 Part of this will catch you
- 65 Juan, you are a cipher and a blank
- 67 Lorna on her sand hill
- 68 Being is what Caesar sees
- 69 Of note, like Harrows
- 70 "Bonanza" man on "The Lone R-Ranger"
- 71 He's a fan at the Mets' former stadium
- 72 Darn it Sally
- 73 A Frenchman foils the plot

DOWN

- 1 Gash in a rug

- 2 Coal miner's refresher
- 3 A nothing of a dye
- 4 Revel prior to work
- 5 As near as the stadiums
- 6 A sale a day per short agent
- 7 It's a rarer thing to be late
- 8 Hey, pal, tin is supple
- 9 Gets young sheep
- 10 I'll mar a car when I hit it
- 11 I dare obey your order, Turk
- 12 "Ya — see that swimmin' critter!"
- 13 Tense years
- 21 The late Babe Ruth was great
- 23 I agree not to be too avid
- 26 Yegg used a crowbar to loot
- 28 Jury panel gave Ed a punishing sentence
- 29 Taut in Alaska
- 30 Does it still rain in Persia?
- 31 O Doctors! Diana is here
- 33 Does this kill pain, sir?

- 35 Stole the foot
- 38 Fictional Jane's a looker
- 39 Supper in a Cuban cane field
- 40 Theda Bara rode a steed
- 42 The heart of our planet
- 43 The bos'n was a high-hat
- 45 Leave a musical group on board
- 48 A rater can list mistakes
- 49 Any Ellie and Eydie needed to sew
- 51 Half routines
- 52 Ed has RH strident blood type
- 53 A seer can eliminate memories
- 55 Are hen coops a news break?
- 58 Nero was unique
- 60 Toer cut loose
- 61 Little orphan lost an eye
- 62 Female ruffs in trees
- 64 An ape prefers a vegetable
- 66 Dan was an expert connector



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6	7	8	9	5	1	4	2	3
2	8	9	1	6	8	9	2	7
9	2	9	8	2	6	1	4	7
1	6	6	4	2	9	2	9	8
6	9	8	2	9	2	4	8	1
2	8	1	6	8	4	9	2	9
4	9	7	1	9	8	2	6	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is Never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.



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RBS cuts annual net loss to £1.125 bln:

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Most of last year's loss was due to a large exceptional charge of £1.116 billion under the government's asset protection scheme, which is an insurance plan to protect banks from losses generated by high-risk assets. Operating profit, excluding any exceptional elements, jumped into a profit of £1.913 billion in 2010, compared with a shortfall of £6.090 billion in the previous year.

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Repsol reports tripling of annual profits:

MADRID (AFP) – Repsol, Spain's largest oil group, reported net profits almost tripled last year, largely due to the sale of a stake in its Brazilian affiliate to China's Sinopec.

It said profits soared to 4.693 billion euros (\$6.438 billion) for 2010, up from 1.599 billion euros the previous year.

The company attributed the strong performance on "the good health of all activities and the results of the capital increase in Brazil."

Repsol in October sold 40 percent of its Brazilian affiliate to Sinopec for 7.1 billion dollars.

Excluding that sale, net profits were up 54.9 percent at 2.360 billion euros.

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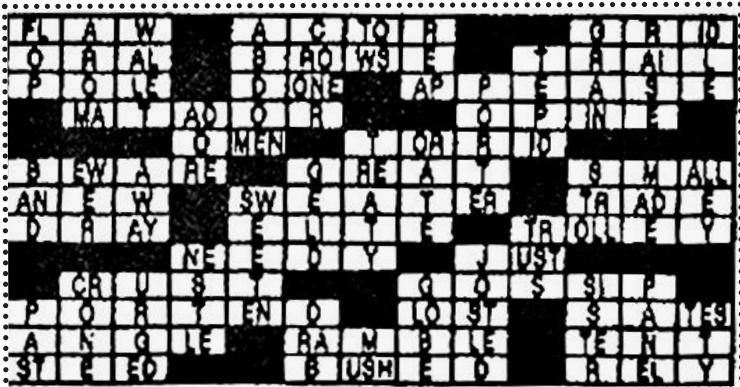
Sodexo loses portion of contract with US Marines:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – French catering group Sodexo, which US workers accuse of union-bashing and poor working conditions, has lost nearly half of a sizable contract with the US Marines, the Pentagon has said.

Sodexo's Gaithersburg, Maryland branch was awarded a contract with a total cumulative value of \$926 million to operate and manage 31 Marine Corps garrison mess halls on the US East Coast. But US firm Superior Services of Fresno, California clinched a second contract for \$764 million to serve 20 Marine Corps garrison mess halls on the US West Coast.

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YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Oil soars close to \$120 on Libya fears

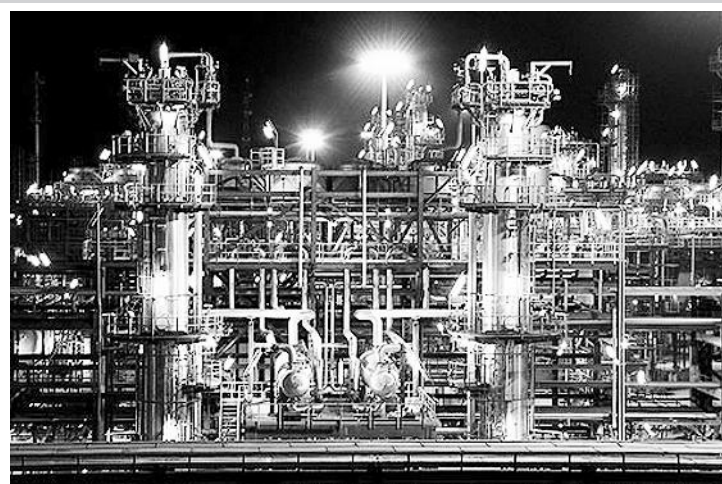
LONDON (AFP) – London Brent crude rocketed close to \$120 yesterday, a level unseen since mid-2008, as the rising instability in Libya stoked supply jitters across the Middle East and beyond.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in April rallied as high as \$119.79 per barrel, the highest level since August 22, 2008. It had already smashed past \$110 on Wednesday as Libya was gripped by fresh violence.

At the same time, New York's light sweet crude for April, known as West Texas Intermediate (WTI), jumped to \$103.41, a level last witnessed in late September 2008.

"Oil prices continued to surge higher as events in Libya dominate the headlines and the oil market," said Westhouse Securities analyst David Hart.

The market has spiked higher this week, as foreign energy companies have halted or slashed their output from Libya as a result of the violence.



Eni, the Italian oil giant that operates facilities like this gas plant in western Libya, says it has suspended some of its operations there. Oil hits \$120.

Spain's biggest oil company, Repsol, stopped production there earlier this week, as anti-government protests spread.

Italy's ENI, the biggest foreign energy major in Libya, said that it has cut oil production in the country by over 50 percent due to the ongoing unrest.

And British energy giant

BP has meanwhile evacuated all expatriate staff from the restive country.

In later morning deals yesterday, Brent oil later stood at \$117.01, up \$5.76 from Wednesday's closing level, while New York crude was \$3.60 higher at \$101.70 per barrel.

Residents of Libya's dissident-held east vowed to march on Tripoli to oust veteran Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi.

Kadhafi was to make a public address in Zawiyah city west of Tripoli, state television said two days after he broke cover to urge his supporters to crush an insurrection. The television authorities gave no further details.

Fears of unrest spreading from embattled Libya were pushing prices up, said Victor Shum, senior principal of Purvin and Gertz energy consultants in Singapore.

"The concerns go beyond Libya, which is a relatively small oil producer, to the bigger oil producers that may be affected if the revolt spread," he told AFP.

BASF profit tripled to 4.56 bln euros

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) – BASF, the world's biggest chemicals company, presented stunning 2010 results, bouncing back from a slump in 2009 and giving an upbeat outlook for the current year despite problems in Libya.

BASF said its 2010 net profit leapt more than three-fold to 4.56 billion euros (\$6.27 billion), though the year-earlier figure of 1.41 billion was in large part a reflection of the global economic slowdown.

Despite problems in North Africa, chairman Juergen Hambrecht was quoted by a statement as saying it is now "optimistic for the first quarter (of 2011) and the year as a whole."

He nonetheless acknowledged that "we are concerned about Libya," where BASF's Wintershall oil unit has halted production, leaving only a small group of core workers at its sites.

Meanwhile, the German

group "achieved record sales and earnings in 2010," Hambrecht said, with the former climbing by 26 percent to 63.9 billion euros.

Earnings before interest and tax (Ebit) and special items leapt by 68 percent to 8.1 billion euros, the statement added, as BASF continued its integration of the specialty chemicals group Ciba.

It also finalised the purchase of Cognis, another small chemicals firm focused on health and nutrition products.

The fourth quarter of last year was especially strong for BASF, with net profit soaring to 1.1 billion euros from 455 million in the same period of 2009, outstripping an average analyst forecast of 891 million euros compiled by Dow Jones Newswires.

Rivals like Dow Chemical, DuPont and Air Liquide have also posted robust results and issued upbeat forecasts based on the assumption that global economic conditions do not deteriorate this year.

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A must see while on Aruba!

Rodger's Beach



Near the southern tip of Aruba is an area known as Roger's Beach. Crescent shaped, it curves out to the Caribbean, creating a handsome lagoon of bath-warm water. At the far end of the beach are a few small docks where fisherman moor their boats.

Some of the best views of Rogers Beach actually can be found underwater. This is not because the views on land are not great because they are spectacular. It is just what is in the water that makes it better. This beach actually is in reef-protected water, so you have to snorkel if you go to this beach. You will be missing half the view if you do not. You can find this beauty near the southern tip of the island near Sint Nicolaas. Just like the rest of the Aruban beaches, this beach offers clear blue water and white powdery sand.

An interesting aspect of Rogers Beach is how it is situated. Part of the beach actually curves out into the Caribbean, which forms a lagoon with such warm water. It is a sight to see, as well as feel the marvelous water. Because it is at the southern tip of the island, you will be able to see the oil refinery off in the distance from the beach. Although it is

close, it does not affect the water or beach in any way. They have it so none of the water is polluted whatsoever. This is not in view at all times, so you do not have to worry about having it right in the middle of all your photos.

What makes Rogers Beach a nice beach to go to for the day is that it is so secluded from the rest of the island. It is near Baby Beach, but that is about it. The majority of Aruba's beaches all can be found on the western side of the island, so you will not have as much traffic here as other places. They are worth the trip though, so do not be fooled by the small number of people there. Sometimes that makes for the best trips. You will find some great swimming in these waters.

Although you will not be able to stay at Rogers Beach because there are not any resorts or hotels, it is a short drive regardless of where you are staying. Aruba is such a small island that, even though the beach is on the other end, you are not even an hour away. If you want to see all of what Aruba has to offer, a trip to this side of the island is a must. The snorkeling will be great here.



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Piers Morgan, Larry King spar over CNN veteran's jibe



LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – British journalist Piers Morgan sparred verbally with his CNN predecessor Larry King, after the US veteran criticized Morgan's talk show technique.

Morgan, who took over in January after King bowed out following 25 years as host of "Larry King Live," light-heartedly suggested he would have to punch the 77-year-old following his jibes in a BBC interview.

"I have spent the last few months saying following you is like following Sinatra. I couldn't have paid you higher praise. And you go in my back

yard and say I'm... oversold, undangerous," said Morgan.

King told BBC radio last week he thought Morgan had been "oversold" when he started at CNN, saying: "He's good, but not that dangerous. I think they might have been better off starting quietly."

Damning with faint praise, King added: "He's certainly not bad. He's certainly an acceptable host. He asks good questions, maybe he interrupts a little too much at times."

Defending himself on Morgan's show, King insisted he didn't think the British host was dangerous.

Morgan replied: "We couldn't come in and undersell me. I'm following a legend. You can't follow Sinatra in Vegas and say 'By the way, I'm not very good, and this is going to be useless.'"

King, deadpanning: "Why

can't you just say: 'Piers Morgan. I'm coming. Watch me.' What's wrong with that?"

After briefly squaring up for a pretend across-the-table punch -- King said he had heard that Morgan had suggested he would punch him for the BBC jibe -- the British host agreed to change the subject.

But they came back to it at the end of the interview, when Morgan presented King with a pair of suspenders -- the CNN veteran's onscreen trademark -- with a Union Jack flag pattern.

The pair then got into another pretend verbal tussle over the fact that "suspenders" in British English are an item of women's underwear, the British word being "braces."

"So I've been wearing ladies' underwear all these years?" asked King.

"That's what the Brits think," replied Morgan.

"You're dangerous," joked King.

Tree-planting world record set in The Philippines



Residents plant seedlings during a tree planting organized by the provincial government conservation project in Pili, Camarines sur province

MANILA, The Philippines (AFP) – Philippine environmentalists have set a world record for the most trees planted simultaneously, kick-starting an enormous reforestation program, organizers said.

Nearly 7,000 people helped in the mass planting of saplings in denuded forest and grassland in the eastern province of Camrines Sur on Wednesday, said Mara Joneil Cordova, spokeswoman for El Verde (The Green) project.

"We had 64,096 trees planted in 15 minutes. This was certified by the Guinness Book of World Records that everything was accurate and

correct," Cordova told AFP.

The effort beat the previous Guinness world record of 50,033 trees planted in India last year, she said.

This week's marked the start of the provincial government-backed programme to plant 12 million trees in the logged forests of Camarines Sur by next year.

The planting, on government-owned land, is intended to stop erosion and restore watersheds, she said.

The forests of the Philippines are among the 10 most endangered in the world, according to global environment group Conservation International.

Boney M singer 'promoting' rebel Abkhazia

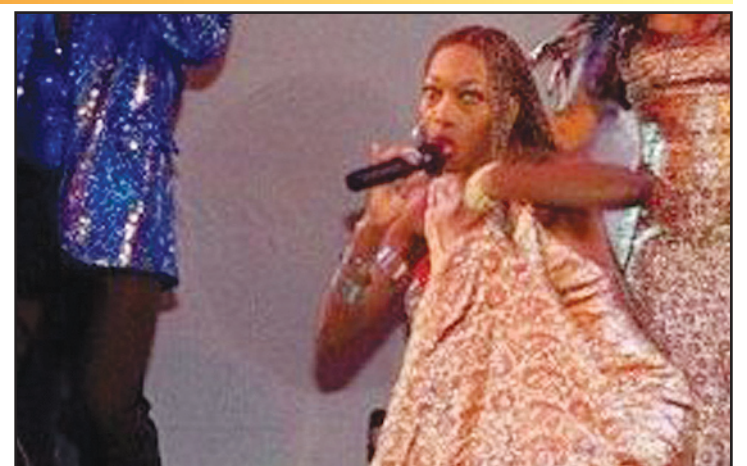
TBILISI, Georgia (AFP) – A singer from 1970s disco group Boney M continues a visit to Georgia's rebel region of Abkhazia this week after a concert intended to promote the war-scarred territory abroad, officials said.

Singer Sheila Bonnick performed Boney M's hits at a concert in Sukhumi, the capital of the disputed Russian-backed region which fought a war to break away from ex-Soviet Georgia in the 1990s and has since seen repeated outbreaks of violence.

"It is very important in terms of promoting our country outside of Abkhazia," the region's culture minister, Nugzar Logua, told local news agency Apsnypress, adding that the concert was also a "kind of gift" to people who fought for Abkhazia.

Bonnick described the Abkhaz people as "warm and hospitable" and said that she would spend time sightseeing in the breakaway Black Sea region, the news agency said.

Bonnick is one of several



Singer Sheila Bonnick of the 1970's disco group Boney M's seeing here performing one of their hits

singers performing Boney M hits like "Rasputin" and "Daddy Cool" around the world after the original group split, and her concert is not the first time that the 1970s disco stars have become involved in the long-running conflicts in Georgia.

In 2007, the Georgian authorities brought Boney M singer Marcia Barrett to play near the frontline in another Russian-backed rebel region, South Ossetia, to promote

their campaign to regain control.

Georgia fought a brief war with Russia over South Ossetia in 2008, which also saw fighting in Abkhazia.

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South Africa crush West Indies in style



Johan Botha of South Africa celebrates with team mates the wicket of Chris Gayle of West Indies during the 2011 ICC World Cup Group B match between West Indies and South Africa

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Debutant leg-spinner Imran Tahir snared four wickets and AB de Villiers struck 107 not out as South Africa coasted to a seven-wicket win over the West Indies in the World Cup on Thursday.

Tahir (4-41) and off-spinner Johan Botha (2-48) shared six wickets to help South Africa bowl out the West Indies for 222 off 47.3 overs before de Villiers slammed his 10th one-day century to seal the fate of their rivals.

JP Duminy (42 not out) hit the winning run as South Africa reached the target with 43 balls to spare in their opening day-night Group B clash at the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium.

De Villiers put on 119 runs for the third wicket with captain Graeme Smith (45) after South Africa had been reduced to 20-2 following the dismissal of Hashim Amla (14) and Jacques Kallis (four) in the space of five runs.

"Winning the toss was nice and we started well," said Smith. "We managed to peg them back in the middle. Once you pick a wicket, you can build pressure and we managed to pick up wickets in clusters."

"I just wanted to bat through with AB and build a partnership. AB went faster than run a ball and paced it really well."

Amla was caught by wicketkeeper Devon Thomas off pacesman Kemar Roach and Kallis offered a catch in the slips after misjudging a delivery from left-arm spinner Sulieman Benn.

De Villiers, named man of the match, remained calm despite the twin setback, racing to his half-century with a six off part-time spinner Chris

Gayle and carting Benn for another that sailed over long-off.

Tahir and Botha earlier justified the decision of Smith to field three specialist spinners on a ground which was hosting its first international in a year after being banned for a dangerous playing surface.

Darren Bravo led the West Indies fightback with an 82-ball 73 while his older half-brother Dwayne chipped in with a 37-ball 40 with three sixes and a four after the Caribbean side were put in to bat.

Bravo also shared 111 runs for the second wicket with opener Devon Smith after Gayle was dismissed by Botha off the third ball of the innings.

"We had an opportunity to get a lot more runs," said West Indies captain Darren Sammy.

"There were a few positives, Darren Bravo played really well and we hope he can continue like this. But we kept losing wickets and it did not help."

Botha (2-48) struck again in the 24th over, just when Bravo and Devon Smith were threatening to put up a huge partnership.

Tahir, 31, picked up his first wicket in one-day internationals in his third over when he caught Devon Smith (36) off his own bowling and celebrated it by kissing the South African badge on his shirt.

The Pakistan-born bowler picked up another wicket in his next over when he had the veteran Ramnaresh Sarwan (two) trapped lbw.

Sarwan asked for a review of the decision but replays showed the ball would have

hit the top of the middle stump.

Tahir, who was warned twice for straying on the pitch, was unlucky not to collect a third wicket just three balls later, grassing a return catch off Dwayne Bravo despite a spirited attempt.

He was not to be denied for long though, removing Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Devon Thomas with his guile and precision before Dale Steyn (3-24) sent back Pollard, Sammy and Benn in a quick three-wicket burst.

West Indies' misery was compounded by a freak injury to Dwayne Bravo who fell in his follow-through, hurting his left knee. He bowled just 2.1 overs and did not take further part in the match.

Mickelson, McIlroy, Els out at Match-Play

MARANA, Arizona (AFP) - Northern Irishman Rory McIlroy, South African Ernie Els and American Phil Mickelson were among Thursday's surprise second-round losers at the World Golf Championships Match-Play Championship.

McIlroy, the seventh seed overall, suffered one of the biggest defeats in the history of the \$8.5 million event, beaten 8 and 7 by hot-putting American Ben Crane.

Mickelson was also eliminated in ignominious fashion, hammered 6 and 5 by fellow American Rickie Fowler at Dove Mountain.

Els was ousted 1-up by American J.B. Holmes, who only gained a spot in the 64-man field when South African Tim Clark went out with an elbow injury.

Some matches went according to form, with US Open champion Graeme McDowell prevailing 4 and 2 against England's Ross Fisher.

"It was an interesting day playing against Ross, one of my good friends," said McDowell.

"It's tough to have that killer instinct you need. You have to put the blinkers on and get down to business."

McDowell advanced to a third-round clash with South Korean Yang Yong-Eun, the 2009 PGA Championship winner who impressively dusted off former runner-up Stewart Cink 4 and 3.

Crane, meanwhile, claimed he had caught McIlroy on a bad day.



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Probation for 'Pac-Man' after Vegas chaos

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Adam 'Pac-Man' Jones was put on probation and sentenced to 200 hours' community service on Thursday after a plea deal regarding a 2007 brawl in Las Vegas.

The suspended sentence was contingent upon Jones completing anger management classes as well as undergoing random drug tests for his role in a shooting at a strip

club that left a club employee paralyzed.

Two others were also wounded.

While Jones has denied any role in the shooting, he pleaded no contest in 2007 to a misdemeanor charge of conspiring to commit disorderly conduct.

The plea deal saw two felony coercion charges reduced.

Djokovic and Federer close to rematch

DUBAI (AFP) - Roger Federer, who lost his Australian Open title to Novak Djokovic last month, moved to within one win of a possible rematch with the Serb as the two rivals accelerated into the semi-finals of the Dubai Open Thursday.

Federer, a 16-time Grand Slam winner, won a colourful match full of daring shot-making against Sergiy Stakhovsky, the world number 43 from the Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.

Djokovic, in the best form of his career while winning the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, had to work unexpectedly hard for a second successive day to beat Florian Mayer, the world number 38 from Germany, 7-5, 6-1.

Djokovic was puzzled early on by Mayer's unusual combinations of slice and net attack, and went 3-5 down before finding some answers

and advancing.

Federer also went a break down before getting into his stride, and later had an important piece of luck when Stakhovsky was denied a break back for 4-4 in the second set by a line call which Hawkeye showed to be incorrect.

But Federer revelled in the open, attacking game which the talented Stakhovsky created and which allowed opportunities for the maestro to produce his most inspired tennis.

Some of it happened at love-40 in the third game, when Federer was at risk of dropping serve a second time - only for him to turn it around with a service winner and four aces.

Asked whether he had served four aces in a row before, Federer said: "I have, yes," and even looked slightly embarrassed when the crowd laughed at that.



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Progress made, big differences remain in talks

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Progress has been made in talks between National Football League owners and players union representatives but major differences remain, the federal mediator overseeing negotiations said Thursday.

George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, released a statement after both sides completed a seventh consecutive day of negotiations ahead of next Thursday's expiration of their contract.

Talks will not resume until Tuesday with less than three days before the deadline.

"Some progress was made, but very strong differences remain on the all-important core issues that separate the parties," Cohen said.

"Nonetheless, I recommended and the parties have agreed to resume the mediation process in my office commencing next Tuesday.

"During the intervening weekend, the parties have been asked by us to assess their current positions on those outstanding issues."

Should the deadline pass without a new deal, union leaders have said they believe NFL owners will lock players out of team facilities, touching off an NFL labor shutdown for the first time since

replacement players crossed picket lines to play for three games in 1987.

Cohen himself and both sides have respected his request for public silence on the state of talks as billionaire club owners and multi-millionaire players fight over how to divide about 9.1 billion dollars in annual profits.

Talks had resumed three weeks ago at the Super Bowl in Dallas but were snuffed out shortly thereafter. Both sides agreed to work with Cohen in a bid to establish a consistent dialogue, although a deal seems far from settled.

"Our time together has been devoted to establishing an atmosphere conducive to meaningful negotiations and, of course, matters of process and substance," Cohen said.

"I can report that throughout this extensive period the parties engaged in highly focused, constructive dialogue concerning a host of issues covering both economics and player-related conditions.

"The tenor of the across-the-table discussions reflected a noteworthy level of mutual respect even in the face of strongly held competing positions. The parties met both in full committee and in subcommittees where discrete, technical issues lent themselves to smaller groups."

Cavaliers, Hawks add backcourt talent

NEW YORK (AFP) — Baron Davis was sent to the Cleveland Cavaliers and Kirk Hinrich went to the Atlanta Hawks in NBA trade deals ahead of Thursday's transfer deadline.

The moves give both clubs help in the backcourt as the Cavaliers rebuild and the Hawks try to secure their lineup in a run to the NBA playoffs with only seven weeks remaining in the regular season.

The Los Angeles Clippers sent Davis and their top pick in this year's NBA Draft to league doormat Cleveland in exchange for guard Mo Williams and forward Jamario Moon.

At 10-47, the Cavaliers have struggled after losing superstar LeBron James to Miami last July, setting a record for NBA futility by losing 26 games in a row, matching the all-time US pro sports losing streak.

"We're excited about the future here," Cavaliers coach Byron Scott said.

Davis is set to be paid 29 million dollars over the next two years while Williams is due 9.3 million dollars this year and Moon is due 3 million dollars.

The Hawks, losers in five of their past six games, are fifth in the Eastern Conference but a target of the New York Knicks, who are four games back but bolstered by Monday's acquisition of superstar forward Carmelo Anthony.

Hinrich and forward Hilton Armstrong were sent from Washington to Atlanta in exchange for guards Mike Bibby and Jordan Crawford, swingman Maurice Evans and a 2011 first-round draft selection.

Cardinals star pitcher to miss 2011 season



ST. LOUIS (AFP) — St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright will undergo season-ending surgery on his right elbow and miss the entire 2011 Major League Baseball campaign, the team announced on Thursday.

The 29-year-old US right-hander, who injured his arm on Monday during a pre-season workout, went 20-11 with a 2.42 earned-run average in 2010 and won 19 games for the National League club in 2009.

"You're losing an ace,"

Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said.

"It's not something you can replace overnight."

Wainwright finished second to Philadelphia's Roy Halladay in balloting for last year's National League's Cy Young Award as best pitcher. He was sent to St. Louis on Wednesday for a medical evaluation.

"It's not a real surprise to us but certainly a disappointment," Mozeliak said. "As we look to the future now we certainly believe we still have a strong starting rotation. Now we're going to have to look to try to fill it."

The Cardinals lose a major edge they had over NL Central division rivals Cincinnati and Milwaukee, although they have a solid line-up of pitchers in Chris Carpenter, Kyle Lohse, Jaime Garcia and Jake Westbrook.

"That's a big guy to miss," Lohse said.

"We still got to go out there and play. Nobody is going to feel sorry for us. We still have to go out there and do our jobs."

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Colegio San Hose enjoy presentation on athletics and olympics



Unbeaten Rios to face Acosta for lightweight title

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Venezuelan Miguel Acosta will defend his claim to the lightweight boxing throne on Saturday when he faces unbeaten American Brandon Rios in a title showdown.

Acosta, who has 19 fights in a row and has not lost since 2003, will defend the World Boxing Association lightweight crown, although the sanctioning body's top-regarded "super champion" in the division is Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez.

Acosta, 33, is 28-3 with two drawn and 22 knockouts while Rios, 24, is 26-0 with one drawn and 19 knockouts.

"This is the biggest opportunity in my career," Acosta said. "Rios is a strong guy and dangerous. He comes forward. I plan to take him into the late rounds and break him down."

Rios, who has won eight fights in a row since a majority draw against countryman Manuel Perez in 2008, is confident entering his first world title bout.

"This is a dream come true," Rios said. "This fight is a lot of pressure but I think you're going to see me putting on the pressure and see Acosta running."

Primary school students of the sixth grade at Colegio San Hose enjoyed an interesting presentation on athletics and Olympics as part of a project that they are currently undertaking. Nicole Hoevertsz, Secretary General of COA (Aruba Olympic Commission), presented the information to the students. These students are now much more informed about the rich history of the Olympic Games, the importance of sports in the life of every person, and what it means to participate in the Olympic Games, as well as in other aspects of sports.

Teachers of the students, Mrs. Rina and Mrs. Dyan invited Nicole Hoevertsz to give the presentation in the

scope of the school's "Wees Sportief" (sportsmanship) project. Each student was responsible for gathering information about sports and to include this in a school project.

The two 6th grade classes got together in their computer room where teacher Rina introduced the session. To enrich the session, Nicole came with demonstrative material such as the uniform of the Aruban Olympic delegation, lapel pins, Olympic posters, and three of the torches traditionally used to inaugurate the Olympic Games. The students were extremely interested in the presentation and participated actively with numerous questions.

They showed great interest in practicing sports and were stimulated to begin practicing some sport. They were amazed to learn how few of our people actually are involved in athletics. The headmaster, Mrs. Ingrid Dirksen, was pleased to receive Nicole in her office and gestured that they will consider repeating the presentation and perhaps even expanding it to allow more students of the school to participate.

The morning session concluded with several photo shoots of enthusiastic students of the two 6th grade classes together with teachers Dyan and Rina and of course, with Nicole Hoevertsz.

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